

filled air-tight housing.

140. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 139, wherein the pump means is an impeller adapted to drive fluid from the fluid reservoir and the aortic compression means.

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141. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 139, wherein the pump means is a fluid-filled sac adapted to be compressed to drive fluid from the sac to the aortic compression means.

142. (Previously Presented) A device as claimed in claim 139, wherein the aortic compression means is an inflatable cuff adapted for positioning about the aorta of the patient.

143. (Previously Presented) A heart assist device as claimed in claim 121 when placed in a human or other animal.

REMARKS

In reviewing the claims prepared by Applicant's predecessor counsel, it was noted that there was a formal error in claims 117 and 118, which have been allowed. Claim 118 is dependent upon claim 117 and refers to a "bodily cavity" and an "organ" but there is no antecedent basis for the

recitation in claim 117. Thus, the present amendment provides antecedent basis in claim 117 for these recitations in claim 118.

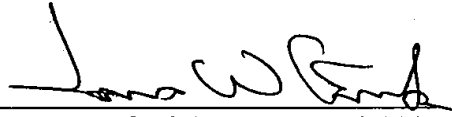
As stated in Applicant's previous amendment filed February 23, 2004, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and a favorable action is respectfully solicited. Plainly, the present amendment does not raise any issues of patentability.

Respectfully submitted,

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